(b) the exact amount and nature of finance together with the dates; and

(c) the names of defaulters and the extent of default of each media company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE-PATIL): (a) to (c) IDBI, sanctioned an amount of Rs. 89.5 crore to 7 media/TV companies out of which the default in payment was Rs. 2.92 crore as on 30.9.2001. IFCI sanctioned Rs. 148 crore to four newspaper/TV companies during the period from 1.4.96 to 31.1.2002 and there is no default in payment to it. The amount sanctioned and the amount defaulted incase of IIBI is Rs. 86.91 crore and Rs. 1.62 crore respectively. The amount of investment made by UTI in debt instruments of TV/ media companies as on 31.12.2001 through primary market is Rs. 7.71 crore out of which Rs. 55.90 lakh is the default in payment.

In accordance with the practices and usages customary amongst the banks and in conformity with provisions of statutes governing the financial institutions and also the provisions of the Public Financial Institutions (obligations as to Fidelity and Secrecy) Act, 1983, the information in respect of the constituents of the Public Financial Institutions cannot be divulged.

**Refund of Excise duty in NER**

575. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1769 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th August, 2000 and state:

(a) the total amount of refund of excise duty allowed to cigarette manufacturing units in North Eastern States during the last three years;

(b) the amount of excise duty refund to each unit with their names and amount during the above period; and

(c) the names of units which have closed down operations at their respective places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHIR GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The total amount of refund of excise duty allowed to cigarette manufacturing units in the North-Eastern states during last three years with unit wise details thereof and units, which have closed down operation, are given below:

| Name of the unit | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 (up to Dec. 2001 | Whether the unit closed operations |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Amount refunded (Rs. In Lakhs) | Amount refunded (Rs. In Lakhs) | Amount refunded (Rs. In Lakhs) | |
| Kreesna Industries (I) Pvt. Ltd., Jorhat | Nil | 482.85 | Nil | Yes |
| Nazone India (P) Ltd., Tejpur | 0.81 | 13.47 | Nil | Yes |
| A.V.M. Tobacco Company (P) Ltd., Biswanathchariali | Nil | 58 | Nil | No |
| Kajiranga Tobacco products (P) Ltd. ,Tejpur | Nil | 363.45 | Nil | Yes |
| N.E.T. Co. Ltd., Guwahati | 230.20 | 7049 | Nil | Yes |
| Golkonda Industries, Guwahati | 40 | 1569 | Nil | Yes |
| Frontier Multi products, Guwahati | 76 | 1070 | Nil | Yes |
| Assam Cigarettes Co. (P) Ltd. Guwahati | 128 | 1193 | Nil | Yes |
| Sri Agasthya Industries, Guwahati | 24 | 824 | Nil | Yes |
| Sunflag Industries, (P) Ltd., Guwahati | 0.23 | 1310 | Nil | Yes |
| R.C. Tobacco (P) Ltd., Guwahati | — | 1409 | Nil | Yes |
| Tirupati Tobacco (P) Ltd., Guwahati | — | 559 | Nil | Yes |
| Assam Tobacco (P) Ltd., Guwahati | — | 201 | Nil | Yes |
| New Tobacco Co., Badarpur | 36 | 240 | Nil | Yes |
| TOTAL | 535.24 | 16341.77 | | |

**Meeting of Employee Welfare Association**

576. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Office Order No. F. 2 / 3 / 97-SCT / B dated 9.1.2001 issued by Department of Economic Affairs (Banking Division), Ministry of Finance, Government of India, the meeting of "All India LIC OBC Employee Welfare Association" is required to be held once in six months;

(b) if so, the number of times the meeting has been called;